



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On December 10, 2009, Jared Mason, 23 years old and of Omaha, was sentenced by Honorable Laurie Smith-Camp to 141 months in prison following his conviction for robbing the United States Post Office, (Florence Station Post Office), located at 2910 State Street, Omaha, NE.

On April 20, 2009, the Florence Station Post Office was robbed by two men. One of the robbers was carrying a rifle and they demanded money from the employee on duty. They took approximately \$300.00 from a register at the station and then fled the scene. When the suspects exited the post office they ran north through an alley and approached a van which was parked at the Mormon Inn Motel. A witness observed the men, still wearing masks, running and wrote down the license plate number of the van and later gave it to police.

Officers later located the van in the driveway of a residence on Northridge Drive. A short time later, three females emerged from the residence and told officers that Jared C Mason, a son of one of the women, and Donnell D Smith had just entered the residence and they had a gun. After approximately 45 minutes and the threat of sending in a dog, both suspects emerged from the house and were taken into custody by the Omaha Police Department. Officers later recovered clothing matching that worn by the robbers from the van. Money was recovered from the residence.

Name of Defendant: Jared Mason

AKA:

Age: 23

City of residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Robbery of money belonging to the United States by use of a dangerous weapon, not more than 15 years, \$250,000

fine, 5 year term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment. Use of a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence, 7 years to life, \$250,000 fine, 5 year term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment Felon in Possession of a Firearm, not more than 10 years, \$250,000 fine, 3 year term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha

Location of Arrest: n/a

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: \$357.00

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Donnell Smith

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On or about April 20, 2009

Federal Arrest Date:

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: April 21, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: April 23, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): September 17, 2009

Sentencing Date: December 10, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Judge Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Laurie Smith-Camp

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